

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 17, 2016

*To protect the Worship environment,  
please, no drinks in the Sanctuary, and remember to turn off cell phones.*

## THE GATHERING

### **\*Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"  
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TEXT: Christian H. Bateman MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; arranged by David Evans

### **\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

### **\*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 105:1-5, 7a**

LEADER: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**ALL: Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!**

LEADER: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**ALL: Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!**

LEADER: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

**ALL: He is the LORD our God.**

## \*How Great Is Your Faithfulness

Now unto the King who reigns over all, and never changes or turns.  
Unfailing justice, unfading grace, Whose promises remain,  
Yes, Your promises remain.

(chorus)

The heavens ring, the saints all sing, 'Great is Your faithfulness.'  
From age to age we will proclaim, 'Great is Your faithfulness,  
How great is Your faithfulness.'

Everything changes, but You stay the same; Your Word and kingdom endure.  
We lean on the promise of all that You are, and trust forevermore;  
We will trust forevermore.

(repeat chorus)

From generation to generation, You never fail us, O God.  
Yesterday and today and tomorrow, until the day You return. (repeat)

The heavens ring, the saints all sing, 'Great is Your faithfulness.'  
From age to age we will proclaim, 'Great is Your faithfulness'

(repeat chorus)

'How great is Your faithfulness.'

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## \*THE READING OF 1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-10

### THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**ALL: Almighty and most merciful Father, whose forgiveness I now implore,  
have mercy upon me.**

**I have committed many trespasses.**

**I have neglected many duties.**

**I have done what you have forbidden,  
and left undone what you have commanded.**

**Forgive, merciful Lord, my sins,  
and enable me, by the Holy Spirit, to amend my life  
according to your Holy Word, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Adapted from the prayers of Samuel Johnson, 18<sup>th</sup> c)

**PRIVATE** (A time of silent and private confessions for personal sins)

**LEADER:** This is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor, so that we by his poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### \*Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea.  
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in Heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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### \*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: Titus 3:3-7

**ALL:** For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### \*Hymn

This heart has been changed by the King of kings  
He's revealed to me glory unknown  
And in reply to His love my heart sings  
The place where the song first was grown

In day of darkness and trouble and fear  
No thing or love satisfied  
But with capturing grace, a voice in my ear  
Told me "come, be My son, you are Mine"

(chorus)

Halle -- lu ---- jah

Halle -- lu ---- jah

(repeat)

Now moving through life is a toilsome task  
But with every passing day  
His light is my strength and He helps when I ask  
To take all of my burdens away

(repeat chorus)

He gives me such joy, such blessing in life  
What a God, to so freely give  
And so I rejoice when I feebly try  
To fathom the life I shall live

(repeat chorus 2x)

## **\*You Never Fail**

When waters rise all around me  
When mountains stand in the path I see  
I look to love that's unfailing  
I look to grace that is all I need

Oh, call, call upon the Name  
Jesus Christ, the only Name that saves

(chorus)

For there is no one like our God, there's no one like our God  
There's nothing that can stand against You  
There's no stronghold You can't break, no life that You can't save  
Our God, You never fail

Your light will shine through the darkness,  
Your word will calm every crashing wave  
My hope, it lies in Your promise,  
My faith, it stands on the empty grave

Oh, call, call upon the Name  
Jesus Christ, the only Name that saves

(repeat chorus)

Strong through ev'ry trial, faithful through the night  
Our God will never fail, our God will never fail  
Anchor through the flood, You keep holding on  
I know You'll never fail, Jesus You'll never fail

Oh, call, call upon the Name  
Jesus Christ, the only Name that saves (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Our God, You never fail  
Our God, You never fail

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## **\*THE DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Although giving is a significant part of worship, we do not collect the offering during our service. Two boxes are placed by the doors to receive your offering. Tithes and offerings for the General Fund are placed in the box without the "steeple." Offerings for the Building Fund are to be placed in the box with the "steeple," with check payable to Grace EPC Building Fund.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

8:15am: Taylor Renee Lee

## THE WELCOME

At this time, please fill out the friendship register found at the side aisle. As the register is passed, please note those with whom you are worshipping so that you can greet one another after the service. If this is your first Sunday at Grace, please accept our invitation to worship with us again soon. If you would like information about Grace EPC, please take one of our brochures from the table in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home, please let us know and we will be happy to visit with you.

(CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASSES AT THIS TIME:  
K-4TH GRADE — LINE UP IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE SANCTUARY.  
CONNECT CLASS [5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE] HEAD DIRECTLY TO ROOM 7)

(10:45AM SERVICE: INTERNATIONALS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL TEACHING TIME  
MAY BE DISMISSED AT THIS TIME TO ROOM 17 —JUST TO THE RIGHT AS YOU LEAVE THE SANCTUARY.)

*(THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER THE SERVICE HAS BEGUN MAY BE SEATED AT THIS TIME)*

## THE WORD AND PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE

Bill Vogler

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

It is our sincere desire to pray effectively for the particular needs of those worshipping with us this morning. If you have a prayer concern that you want shared with the congregation during the prayers of the people, please call the church office or one of the elders prior to the service with your request. If you desire prayer on a personal matter, we invite you to meet with the elders in the front pews after the Benediction.

Available for prayer after 8:15 worship: Larry Swinson & Joe Harvey  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Scott Rask & Mike Bartlow

# THE SENDING

## \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*Your Grace is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

(chorus)

So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, oh God  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

(repeat chorus)

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

(repeat chorus)

Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaching down to us  
Your grace is enough for me

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\*Congregation will stand.